

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt closed a meeting at this place, on March 1st, during which two came in by baptism. "The meeting was too short," was the greeting on all sides.

A. J. STERLING.

FISHER'S HILL, VA.—We expect having a meeting of importance at Round Hill, on Friday, the 18th of March, at 2 p. m. It is desired that every member of the congregation be present, and all others who can be.

G. A. COPP, Sec.

Burr Oak Kansas.

Commenced a series of meetings at the Meyers school house 2½ miles east of Burr Oak on the evening of Feb. 16th. Weather somewhat inclement but congregations large. Last evening was our eight meeting also our last one as the house is engaged for other purposes. We open in town tonight. Up to date seven have expressed a desire to become Christians. Sorry we had to close at school house so soon.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Peru, Ind.

I drop you this on my return from Linkville, Marshall Co., Ind., where I have been holding a series of meetings. I commenced on the 12 ult., in a strange place, but found a small band of brethren, numbering about twenty. They have had more disappointments than any church I ever saw, but are in earnest. We continued our meetings until the 27th., every night, except two nights when Bro. A. Maassena occupied the pulpit. The immediate result was, three by baptism, and a good interest. The brethren were very kind to us, and we formed many acquaintances long to be remembered. May we live so, if we are never permitted to meet on this earth, may we meet where there is no parting.

J. M. FOX.

Feb. 28th.

Lawrence Kans.—Colier Items.

I came home yesterday after a series of five weeks, and the meetings not closed yet; the converts and other Christian workers still protracting the meetings, and such an interest has never been in that neighborhood for at least 16 years, and probably never. There are 31 converts up to the time of my departure, and many more almost persuaded. I can not tell what the result finally will be. Three or four of the leading men of the district that have always stood outside of any church organization, have now stepped to the front and claimed God's promises as theirs and are enjoying the blessing promised to the obedient. "Tongue can not express the sweet comfort and peace, of a soul in its earliest love;" and so many babes, ranging in age from 13 to 60 years, can realize that we had a glorious meeting, notwithstanding dark nights and muddy roads. The people would come, and better order I never witnessed at that house before, and I have labored at that place quite a good deal for 16 years.

Our plan was to bring the young folks to the front and engage them as our choir and with them and a few older our music was simply magnificent, which

added many charms to the meeting.

I do not know exactly how they will divide up. The Union Baptists, up to leaving, will get 10 or 12 the balance go with the Brethren, and from 5 to 7 by relation.

Propositions are being made to come and take charge of the little flock at Colier school-house, and I am at home now, making arrangements tending in that direction; and having a few members there prior to this meeting, we shall soon organize, and likely move there to take charge of the church at that place. I would like very much if some minister would come here to Lawrence and work this field for there is work here to be done that has lately opened up if we only had the men. Brethren come over and help us, for we really need it. Some young active brother could soon work up an interest here that would tend to his own good, and more than all redound to the honor and glory of God.

JOSEPH MICHAEL.

Virden, Ill.

Excuse my presumption in writing, and though, like a drop in the ocean of great and good things said and written, I summon courage to cast in my mite of encouragement, for "out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaketh;" and, though a stranger to nearly all, I feel a sacred nearness as "brethren in Christ."

I am rejoiced to learn of the grand ingathering of precious souls, of the many forsaking the paths of sin and coming to Jesus. O may the glorious work go on, and the noble efforts of our brethren in the "Master's Vineyard" be faithfully rewarded in this life, and a "Crown of righteousness" be theirs in the world to come. May we be aroused to a sense of our Christian duties and each and every one do the best we can. I feel my weakness, but trust in the Lord to give me grace to do some good, be it, ever so little.

I belong to the Brethren church at Auburn. A. M. Ridenour is our minister. J. A. Ridenour preached his farewell sermon the 13th inst., but owing to distance and bad roads I failed to get there. I should like to have heard him so much. It makes me feel lonely and sad sometimes to think of the many good sermons preached every Sabbath and I have no opportunity to hear them. But as we must be content with our lot, I will hope for better days and beg to be remembered in the prayers of all brethren and sisters in Christ.

MAGGIE CRAY.

Merrill, Kans.

March 2.—Our meetings at Burr Oak closed last Sunday. We felt quite sorry to be compelled to close so soon, as the interest had just commenced. Two were baptized a number more expressed, publicly, a desire to become Christians. The reasons for our sudden close was on account of others occupying the house. A Christian minister took our place on Sunday evening for an indefinite length of time. Burr Oak needs a Brethren minister to assist Bro. H. E. Faidley. A great work should be done there by an efficient minister. A partial support

would be given to such a one. Here is a good chance for some one, as other business and employment could also be readily found.

While at Burr Oak we visited with Eld. Allen Ives of the German Baptist Brethren. Bro. Ives is a pious Christian brother. Years ago we associated with him and always found him kind-hearted, full of Christian love and zeal for the good. Were all who rule in church affairs, like Bro. Ives, no division would have ever occurred. We could hardly keep from weeping when visiting and talking with him. Our soul was stirred within us. We feel, that, if ever we are so happy as to get to the better land, we'll associate with Bro. Ives as a kindred spirit.

May heaven's choicest blessings rest upon the kind brethren and friends at Burr Oak. Next week we go to our next year's home in Sumner Co.

My address for the present will be

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

South Haven, Sumner Co., Kansas.

Glenford, O.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Some time ago an article appeared in the *Gospel Messenger*, that a number of our members at Ankenytown had gone back to the German Baptist church. It is a mistake. None have gone back at that place.

ANKENYTOWN.

Through the instrumentality of Bro. J. W. Smouse, the church at Ankenytown had an increase of eleven members as previously reported. Bro. S. is a hard worker, and success is crowning his labors. He preaches able discourses. The church feels much encouraged over his work there. He has now commenced meetings at North Liberty.

FARMERSVILLE.

After spending a week with Bro. Smouse, at Ankenytown, I went home, and thence to Farmersville. I preached a series of sermons there, and the result has already been announced. I met many good people, and enjoyed their associations very much. Among the converts was Frank Gilbert, a pedagogue. He is a young man of promise, and I hope that before many days, he may be an instructor, not only of the youth, but also of the middle aged and the aged. The outlook for the Valley is very promising. Bro. Mason has done very much that will contribute largely to future success in that region.

During our meetings we had very inclement weather. The congregations were fair. After closing at Farmersville, I left for

MILFORD, IND.,

and preached eleven sermons there. I intended to preach a few sermons only, and then return home; but realizing that the religious atmosphere was becoming disturbed, I concluded to remain about two weeks. But when things were moving along grandly, I got a dispatch, calling me home. Thus in the midst of one of the grandest outlooks for success, I was compelled to close and turn my face homeward. I am confident that a good work could have been achieved. So it is in life. When we are in the midst of success, then the messenger of sad tidings may be

lurking in ambush ready to serve the message.

I am now at home again, and will remain there for some months to come. I have calls to run me sixteen weeks in the revival field; but I must refuse them on account of my work at home. I wish I could fill them. I cannot go out until the latter part of May, and then only by getting some one to fill my appointments.

Bro. J. H. Worst was here, and has left us. During his stay the weather was very inclement. He preached here previous to his going to Dakota, and all were glad to see him again. He has many warm friends here. He has not yet forgotten how to preach, and I hope that by the time he can read his title clear to his home in Dakota, he will take charge of some congregation. A man with such a mind and such a gift of speech should surely be in the service of God. May God grant it. Amen.

A. A. COBER.

Glenford, O.

Montevideo, Va.

Brother Joseph Bowman commenced a meeting at Mountain Grove church on Sunday night Feb. 6th, 1887, and continued it two weeks with large congregations all the time. The meeting was in progress but a few nights when Bro. I. D. Bowman joined us. With the increased zeal and energy of these two brothers and their efficient and evangelical sermons, and the great zeal and interest manifested by the members for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ, caused this entire community (as it were) to shake from center to circumference. Not only did we have elegant sermons preached to us, which should have been enough alone, but the brethren and the sisters would go out and talk to their friends day and night, and tell them how badly they stood in need of a Savior. I would say right here we must in order to carry on the good work, all join in and lend a helping hand in bringing poor sinners to Christ.

Result of the meeting was fourteen by baptism and one reclaimed. There are others near the kingdom, who, we think, will soon join in with us to fight the battles of the Lord and be bright lights to those around them. Some of the converts are young but I believe as they grow older and occupy the full sphere of manhood and womanhood they will become bright lights to the world; and when they throw out their influence it will be the cause of many others coming home to Christ. Those who are older will also be instrumental in helping to persuade sinners to Christ. One of them is a bright and intelligent young man who will make a good worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

We had a Presbyterian brother and some U. B. Brethren to help us in our efforts during the meeting who are good friends to us. And we feel glad that we have the privilege to treat such brethren as these with Christian courtesy. But we would feel more rejoiced if we could take them down in the liquid stream and bury them with Christ in baptism.

Brother E. B. Shaver is now holding a meeting in about 3 miles from here assisted by Bro.

Joseph Bowman. The meeting has only been in progress a few nights and as far as I know there has been no accessions yet. But I hope that many may be made willing to except Christ on the easy terms of the gospel. Bro. Shaver is a good worker and he is at a new point and the prospects are for a considerable ingathering of souls. Bro. I. D. Bowman is now in Philadelphia preaching for the brethren in that place. We did not like to give him up, but they had no one to preach for them at present and therefore we said nothing against it. For we have our old stand by, Bro. Joseph Bowman, and we are not left alone. I believe from the indomitable zeal and energy of Bro. Isaac he will do the brethren at Philadelphia a good service.

Now I would say to one and all throughout the brotherhood do not wait for an opportunity to present itself to hold meetings and to bring sinners to Christ, but let every one of us go to work to bring this opportunity about and work like workers and at the final end of this universe, when God will judge the quick and the dead, we will reap our just recompense of reward.

J. F. KOONTZ.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Kansas Evangelist Fund.

Out here in Norton Co., Kas., we think very well of Bro. Bauman's last appeal on this subject. We feel the weight of the frequent calls, "come and hold some meetings," from vicinities away from our own immediate organization. In justice to ourself and family, we cannot heed the calls. In a business meeting in our (the Maple Grove) congregation, we resolved to raise at least one dollar to each member of our congregation this year, for this purpose, and we at once elected Bro. John Swart as our solicitor for this fund, and made it his duty to call on every member and accept help from those who are not members of the church.

Bro. Swart is very active, and I believe a respectable sum will be raised. Come now, ye richer ones, take hold of this important work, and let us all pull together for God and His glory.

We are weak in property, but willing to make some sacrifices for the glory of God. Twenty-five cents each quarter of the year is certainly a very small donation for such a worthy cause. Some could easily curtail their tobacco expenses this much, and be better for it; others, perhaps, could save it out of tea and coffee expenses, and others in different other things, which they use to excess, and such economy would certainly be to the glory of God.

M. LIGHTY.

Rockwell City.

Married.

MYERS-SNOWBERGER.—At the residence of the bride's brother, D. B. Snowberger, New Enterprise, Bedford Co., Pa., by John B. Miller, February 24th, 1887, Elder George S. Myers of Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., and sister Rosie Snowberger, of New Enterprise, Bedford Co., Pa.

Certificates of Baptism.

We now have printed, on fine cards in two colors a form of a Certificate of Baptism. Every person who is baptized desires to preserve the date and the certificate of the administrator. They are printed so as to be useful to ministers of the Brethren Church only. Sent post paid to any address at 25 cents per dozen, or \$1.50 per hundred. BRETHREN PUB. HOUSE, Ashland, Ohio.